

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., March 21, 1899.

Hugh Craig,

No. 210 Sansome Street,

San Francisco, California.

Sir:

I have delayed a reply to your favor of February 21st in expectation that I would be able to announce a final settlement of the matter in controversy, and it gives me pleasure now to announce that I have been enabled to effect an arrangement by which receipts of the Seattle Assay Office will be directed to San Francisco Mint and payments to depositors at Seattle and San Francisco will be made by precisely the same methods. That is to say, if it suits the convenience of the Treasury at any time to pay by drafts on eastern Sub-treasuries, that method will be followed at the San Francisco Mint as well as at the Seattle Assay Office, simultaneously. When payment is made at San Francisco in coin, payment will be made in Seattle by either gold coin or drafts on the San Francisco Sub-treasury at the option of the depositor. This, I trust, will be an entirely satisfactory disposition of the matter that has given no little concern both to the people of San Francisco and I assure you, to the officials of the Treasury Department.

Very truly yours,



Director of the Mint.